



## U.S. Department of Transportation

### SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

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#### OPERATIONAL STATUS

Agency: DOT

\*Op Status: Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations

\*Report #: DOT-HQ-02

\*Related Event: Tropical Storm Allison Flooding

Status as of: 06/09/2001 at 21:00

Region/Office: Headquarters

Distribution Level: Open - For Public Release

**Situation Summary:** Rains from Tropical Storm Allison have created extensive flooding in parts of Texas and Louisiana. Most heavily affected is the Houston area. Transportation communications and power have all had damages. President Bush declared 28 counties in Texas disaster areas at 11 AM June 9th. FEMA coordinated a conference call at 1800 hours involving the State of Texas, FEMA Regional Operations Center, and all ESF's (including DOT, ESF-1) at FEMA Headquarters. Another 10 - 15 inches of rain is expected in Houston during the next 12 hours. The area is experiencing severe transportation, communications, and power problems. This is exacerbated by the fact that utilities are underground in the Houston area. Approximately 75,000 customers are without power; several main telephone switches are out, affecting both local and long distance, including 911 service. The highest priority for federal assistance is to support the medical center area in downtown Houston. Texas has just sent in an Overhead Team to do a specific needs assessment. Total patient load is not known, but there are 1100 trauma patients alone. Preliminary indications of need include 18,000 meals per day, 8000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 205,000 gallons of water. DOT will be responsible for coordinating all transportation of federal resources into the area, and providing the transportation as needed. We are now coordinating the transportation of four Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, in support of the Public Health Service.

#### TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

**Air:** We are now coordinating between USCG and FAA, in support of the state, to restrict airspace in a 50 mile area where the heaviest search & rescue missions are underway. This is ongoing at this time.

Airports at Houston International and Hobbe Airports are open but flooded roads are impeding access. Continental Airlines has cancelled flights until June 10 at 6AM. Southwest Airlines has limited flights into Hobbe. Ellington Field is operational in a VFR status. Most of the people rescued are being taken to Ellington Field, which is serving also as an impromptu shelter at

this time.

**Rail:**

**Highways:** I-45 in the Houston area is closed as are portions of the beltway in the Northeast section. Many local roads are unpassable.

We are checking the highways in the Fort Sam Houston/Galveston area, in anticipation of establishing a Mobilization Center in that area.

**Marine:** Houston Ship Channel is closed--no estimated time of re-opening.

**Transit:**

**Pipelines:**

**Motor Carrier**

**Safety:**

**Highway Traffic**

**Safety:**

#### ACTIONS TAKEN

**What actions have been taken?**

ESF-1 activated in Region VI and the Movement Coordination Center (MCC) in Washington, DC as of 1400 hours on June 9th. Region VI is on a 24-hour status, and the MCC will be working until approximately 2200 on June 6; with Benini as Duty Officer for the evening. The MCC will be staffed beginning at 0730 on June 7.

US Coast Guard (USCG) is conducting search and rescue missions using 3 helicopters with 2 more enroute. A C-130 out of Elizabeth City is on standby in Memphis to transport small rescue boats if requested by the state of Texas.

#### WHO CAN BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS REPORT?

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#### WHO WERE THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION?

**Source(s):** FAA, USCG, FHWA, FEMA HQ and FEMA VI (ROC), DOMS.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

**International  
transportation  
incidents:**

#### ATTACHMENTS

**Attachments:** None

## NOTIFICATION

**Send Notification?** No

**Send to My  
Eteam:**

**Send to Groups:**

**Send to Other:**

**Note:**

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